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SUBJ: LOCKHEED

IN RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION QUESTIONS IN COMMONS ON
FEBRUARY 23 DEFMIN RICHARDSON REPLIED: (1) "THE
GOVERNMENT DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO PURCHASE FROM
LOCKHEED BUT, AS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED A NUMBER OF
TIMES, WE ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN NEGOTIATING
THE FINANCING AND THIS IS HOLDING UP THE FINAL SIGNING
OF THE CONTRACT. THE NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE
CONTINUING." (2) " WE HAVE ASSURED THE HOUSE ON EARLIER
OCCASIONS THAT THERE WERE NO PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS OR
OTHER KIND OF PAYMENT TO CANADIANS. I DID INDICATE
THAT THE DIFFICULTIES THE LOCKHEED COMPANY WAS EXPERIENCING
MIGHT HAVE WEAKENED THE COMPNAY'S FINANCIAL POSITION,
BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS TO A DEGREE
THAT WILL PREVENT THEM FROM CONTINUING THE CONTRACT,
PROVIDED WE CAN GET OVER THE DIFFICULTIES I MENTIONED
EARLIER."
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